

The Board of Liberty Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members in attendance Mr. Devon Stanley & Mr. Gregory Cizmar presiding. Mr. Arnie Clebone was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular meeting.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Motion carried.

24-130 Motion to increase appropriations in the Police Fund 2081-210-590-1327, Wal-Mart Grant Funds, by \$2,000.00.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

24-131 Motion to remove Johnnie Naples from the roster as a volunteer firefighter effective 12/20/24. He has moved out of the area.

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

24-132 Motion to remove Joe Danko from the roster as a part time firefighter effective 12/20/24. He is full time firefighter elsewhere.

Motion: Mr. Stanley. Second: Mr. Cizmar.

Roll Call: Mr. Stanley, Yes. Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Motion carried.

24-133 Motion to transfer \$33,005.00 from 2024 Tow Yard Auctions as follows: 80% to Police for \$26,404.00 and 20% to General Fund \$6,601.00.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman mentioned dealing with 3 accidents on township roads due to the overnight snow received, He was glad there were no injuries. The 2024 Road Paving Program prep work at Goist is complete and in the new year, work will begin on Barth. He reported he has uploaded all required information to the OPWC portal for the 2025 OPWC Program. Wayne reminded the Board we need separate line items for some of the drainage work not covered by the 2025 OPWC grant. He also reported the State CDBG program applications are due July 1st 2025 with a possible 10% match. Wayne would like to auction off one of the two township owned trailers and was directed to move it to the tow yard lot. Wayne said the Center Park Project is moving forward. He spoke to Dave Price about specific trees that need to be removed. It has to be done in the winter. He also discussed with our law director Cherry Poteet how best to proceed should he be the project manager. Mr. Hickman also shared the information he collected on vacating several streets at homeowner's request. Once Zoning Director Jim Rodway reviews the information, Wayne will share the information with the homeowners on how to submit their request to the County. Last, he has been working with Girard as he continues to try to unclog a huge pipe that runs between both communities on Mosier Road.

Zoning and Code Director Jim Rodway reported House Bill 315 has been passed by both the House and Senate and is now in the governor's hands for signature.

Police Chief Toby Meloro reminded folks to slow down when the roads are snow covered and slippery. He reported that a new Intoxilizer was purchased with drug fund money as our old equipment is obsolete.

Fiscal Officer Matthew Connelly is busy closing out 2024 and preparing for 2025. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Administrator Martha Weirick wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and prosperous 2025.

Trustee Greg Cizmar said it was a pleasure to work with everyone this past year, wished

everyone a Merry Christmas and hoping 2025 is an even better year.

Trustee Devon Stanley and Road Superintendent Wayne Hickman will be in contact with the resident on Greenbrier about how to proceed with maintenance of the ponds. Devon said he spoke with Mr. Denen on the proposed leasing of the property next to the Refuge. He also gave an update on the property the township is interested in acquiring located behind the Road Department.

There was discussion between the two trustees, law director, fiscal officer and attendees on changing the 2025 morning meetings from Friday's at 8:30 a.m. to Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. because it would allow better attendance by Board members. Everyone in attendance agreed, therefore, Administrator Weirick will update the 2025 schedule to reflect the change.

Law Director Cherry Poteet asked us to hold our annual public records retention meeting in February to adopt a revised records retention schedule so the Township could properly dispose of records no longer required to hold on file.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Cizmar. Second: Mr. Stanley.

Roll Call: Mr. Cizmar, Yes. Mr. Stanley, Yes. Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday, January 13, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

MATTHEW CONNELLY
FISCAL OFFICER

GREG CIZMAR, CHAIRPERSON